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Attorney Docket No. 4284-5B2

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2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 28]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title to the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
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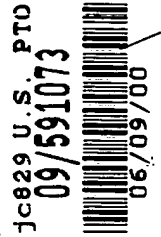
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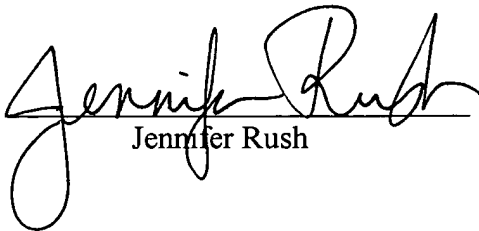
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